

Appl. No. 10/682,630  
Atty. Docket No. 8346C  
Amdt. dated 2/7/2005  
Customer No. 27752

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-16 and 24-30 are now in the case.

Applicants appreciate and acknowledge the mention by the Examiner that claims 1, 3-7, 9-16 and 24-30 are allowed.

It is submitted that all the claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action on all claims is therefore requested.

If the next action is other than to allow the claims, the favor of a telephonic interview is requested with the undersigned representative.

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